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All the severall

ORDINANCES DIRECTIONS

AND
VOTES

OF THE

LORDS and COMMONS

Assembled in

PARLIAMENT.

For the speedy Establishing of the
Presbyteriall Government.

Ordered by the L • R D S Assembled in Parliament,
That these Ordinances, Directions, and Votes, be forthwith
printed and published.

Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

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DIRECTIONS

OF THE Lords and Commons

Assembled in Parliament.

After advice had with the Assembly
of Divines, for the electing and choosfing of
RULING-ELDERS in all the
Congregations, and in the Classicall
Assemblies for the Cities of *London*
and *Westminster*, and the severall
Counties of the Kingdom:
For the speedy setting of the
Presbiteriall-Government.

Die Martis, 19 Aug. 1645.

ORdered by the Lords Assembled in Parliament, that these
Directions for Electing of Elders in particular Congre-
gations, and Classicall Assemblies, be forthwith printed and
published.

J. Brown, Cler. Parliamentorum.

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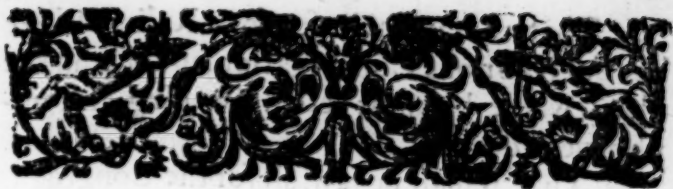
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Die Martis, 19 Augusti. 1645.

DIRECTIONS

FOR THE

Election of Elders.

I.



That the Ruling Elders of a Parochiall and congregationall Eldership shall be chosen by the severall Ministers, and members of their Congregation respectively, being such as have taken the Nationall Covenant, and are not persons under age, nor servants that have no families.

2. That notice of such election, and of the day when it shall be given by the Minister in the publique assembly the next Lords day but one before, and on that said Lords day a Sermon be preached preparatory to that weighty businesse.

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3. That

3. That no man be chosen for a Ruling-Elder but onely for one Congregation, and that in the place where his most settled dwelling and employment doth lie.

4. That it shall be lawfull for the Congregation respectively, or any other persons to exhibit exceptions against any person elected as aforesaid, touching the right of his election, or touching matter of ignorance, or scandal, hereafter mentioned, within fourteene daies next after the said election to such persons, Ministers, and others, as shall be appointed by Authority of Parliament, to receive the said exceptions, which said persons shall have power to receive, heare, and determine all complaints against any Elder of ignorance and scandal, within the description of ignorance and scandal hereafter-mentioned.

And shall have power to approve the person so elected, in case no just exception, as aforesaid, shall be proved against him. But if he shall upon just prooffe be found ignorant or scandalous, as aforesaid, then to remove him. And if any of the said Elders shall be adjudged to be removed, as aforesaid, then another shall be chosen in his place as aforesaid.

5. That

5. That such shall be chosen for Ruling Elders as are men of good understanding in matters of Religion, sound in the faith, prudent, discreet, grave, and of unblameable conversation. And willing to undergoe the said Office.

6. That all parishes and places whatsoever, (as well priviledged places, and exempt jurisdictions, as others) be brought under the government of Congregationall, Classicall, Provinciaall, and Nationall Assemblies. Provided, that the Chappels or places in the houses of the Peeres of this Realme shall continue free for the exercise of Divine duties, to be performed according to the Directory.

7. That the Chappell of the Rolles, the two Serjants Innes, and the foure Innes of Court, shall be each of them a Congregationall Presbytery within themselves, and make a Classicall Presbytery in the whole.

8. That the Province of London shall be divided into twelve Classicall Elderships according to the distributions hereafter following :

The first Classis to containe :

A *Lballowes Breadstreet, Anne Black Friers,
Andrewes Wardrope, | Austins parish,*

Bennet

Bennet Pauls wharfe,
Faiths,
Gregories,
Iohn Evangelist,
Margaret Moses,
Martin Ludgate,

Mary Aldermary,
Mary le Bow,
Matthew Fridaystreet,
Mildreds Breadstreet,
Pauls,
Peters Pauls wharfe.

The second Classis to containe :

Anthomes vulgo An-
thelms,
Bennet Sherehogge,
James Garlickhithe,
Iohn Baptists,
Martin in the Vintry,
Mary Magdalen old Fish-
street,
Mary Somerset,

Mary Mounthawnt vulgo
Mounthaw.
Michael Queene Hithe,
Michael Royall,
Nicholas old Abby,
Nicholas Olaves,
Pancret Soperlane,
Thomas Apostle,
Trinity Parish.

The third Classis to containe :

Alhallowes the greater,
Alhallowes the lesse,
Alhallowes Lumberstreet,
Edmunds Lumberstreet,
Laurence Pountney,
Mary Abchurch,

Mary Bothaw,
Mary Woolchurch,
Mary Woolnoth,
Nicholas Aron,
Stephens in Walbrook,
Swithens,

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The fourth Classis to containe :

Andrew Hubbert,
 Bennet Grace-church,
 Buttolph Billingsgate,
 Clements in Eastcheape,
 Dionis Backchurch,
 George Buttolph-lane,
 Leonard in Eastcheape,

Magnus,
 Margaret New-fishstreet,
 Martin Orgars,
 Maryhill,
 Michael Crookedlane,
 Michael Cornhill,
 Peters Cornhill.

The fifth Classis to containe :

Anne Aldersgate,
 Buttolph Aldersgate,
 Brides,
 Bridewell,
 Christchurch,
 Iohn Zachary,
 Leonard Fosterlane,

Mary Staynings,
 Michael in the Corne,
vulgo in the Querne,
 Olaves Silverstreet,
 Peters Cheape,
 Pedast alias Fosters.

The sixth Classis to containe :

Albanes Woodstreet,
 Alballowes Honi-lane,
 Alphage,
 Giles Creeplegate,
 Iames Chappell,
 Laurence in the Lury,
 Martin in Iremongerlane,

Mary Aldermanbury,
 Marymandlins Milkstreet,
 Mary Colechurch,
 Michael in Woodstreet,
 Mildred in the Poultry,
 Olives in the Lerry.

The seventh Classis to containe :

<i>Alhallowes by the Wall,</i>	<i>Margaret Lothbury,</i>
<i>Bartholmew Exchange,</i>	<i>Michael Bashinshaw,</i>
<i>Bennet Fynck,</i>	<i>Peter poore,</i>
<i>Buttolph Bishopsgate,</i>	<i>Stevens Colemanstreet.</i>
<i>Christophers,</i>	

The eight Classis to containe :

<i>Andrew Undershaft,</i>	<i>Katherine Cree-church,</i>
<i>Buttolph Algate,</i>	<i>Leonard Shoreditch,</i>
<i>Ethelburge,</i>	<i>Martins Oteswich, vulgo</i>
<i>Hackney,</i>	<i>Outwich.</i>
<i>Hellens,</i>	<i>Mary Newington, alias</i>
<i>James Dukes-place,</i>	<i>Soke Newington.</i>

The ninth Classis to containe :

<i>Alhallowes Barkin,</i>	<i>Olaves Hartstreet,</i>
<i>Alhallowes Stanings,</i>	<i>Peters in the Tower,</i>
<i>Dunstons in the East,</i>	<i>Stepney,</i>
<i>Gabriel Fenchurch,</i>	<i>Trinity Minories,</i>
<i>Katherine Coleman,</i>	<i>Wapping,</i>
<i>Katherine Tower,</i>	<i>White chappell.</i>
<i>Margaret Pattons,</i>	

The tenth Classis to containe:

George Southwarke,
Lambeth,
Mary Magdalen
Bermondsey,
Mary Overs,

Newington Butts,
Olives Southwarke,
Rotherhithe vulgo Redriff
Thomas Hospitall,
Thomas Southwarke,

The eleventh Classis to containe:

Clements Danes,
Giles in the Fields,
Knightsbridge,
Margarets Westminster,
Martins in the Fields.

Newchurch,
Peters Westminster,
Pauls chappell in cowens
Garden.

The twelfth Classis to containe:

Andrew Holborne,
Bartholmew the greater,
Bartholmew the lesse,
Charterhouse,

Dunstones in the West,
James Clarkenwell,
Mary Islington,
Sepulchers.

9. That all the Severall Parishes and Places within the Cities of London and Westminster, and the parts adjacent, according as they are distinguished into twelve severall Classis, shall

be the extent and bounds of the Province of London.

Concerning the members of the Classicall and Congregationall Assemblies in the severall counties.

THat in the severall Counties certain persons, Ministers, and others, shall be appointed by authority of Parliament, who shall consider how their severall Counties respectively may be most conveniently divided into distinct classicall Presbyteries, and what Ministers and others are fit to be of each Classis. And they shall accordingly make such division, and nomination of persons for each classicall Presbytery, which Divisions, and persons so named for every Division shall be certified up to the Parliament. That the Chancellors, Vice-chancellors, and heads of the Universities shall consider how the Colledges may be most conveniently put into classicall Presbyteries, and doe certifie the same up unto the Parliament.

And the said severall Classis respectively being approved by Parliament within their severall Precincts shall have power to constitute Congregationall Elderships where a competent number of persons so qualified for Elders, as a-fore-

foresaid, shall be found. And where no persons shall be found fit to be Elders, as aforesaid, then that Congregation shall be immediately under the Classicall Presbytery, untill that congregation shall be enabled with members fit to be Elders, as aforesaid.

The congregational Assembly shall meet once every weeke, and oftner if occasion shall serve.

The classicall Assembly shall meet once every moneth.

Concerning members of the Provinciaall Assembly.

THe Provinciaall Assembly shall be constituted of members sent from every Classis within the Province.

The number of the members sent from each Classes shall be so proportioned, as that the Provinciaall Assembly may be more in number then any Classicall Presbytery within that Province. And to that end there shall be at least two Ministers, and foure Ruling-Elders out of every Classis. And that where there shall be need, the number may be increased, as to the persons appointed for the bounding of the Provinciaall Assembly shall seem meet. Provided, that the number

number doe not exceed nine of each, Ministers and Ruling-Elders, from any one Classis. And that there alwaies be two Ruling-Elders to one Minister. That the Provinciaall Assembly being constituted, shall meet twice every yeere, the first meeting shall be determined by the persons appointed for the bounding of the Provinciaall and Classicall Assemblies.

Concerning the Nationall Assembly.

THat the Nationall Assembly shall be constituted of members sent from the severall Provinces aforesaid, the number of the members from each Province to the Nationall Assembly shall be two Ministers, and foure Ruling-Elders. The Nationall Assembly is to meet when they shall be summoned by Parliament, and to sit and continue as the Parliament shall order, and not otherwise.

FINIS.

Die Veneris 20. Febr. 1645.

*Resolved by the Lords and Commons in
Parliament assembled.*

THat there be forthwith a Choice made of Elders thorowout the Kingdome of *England* and Dominion of *Wales* in the respective Parish Churches and Chappels, according to such Directions as have already passed both Houses, bearing date the 19. of August 1645. and since that time: And all Classes and Parochiall Congregations respectively are hereby authorized and required forthwith effectually to proceed therein accordingly.

Resolved, &c.

THat notice of the Election of Parochiall and Congregationall Elders,
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and of the time when it shall be, be given by the Minister in the publike Assembly the next Lords Day but one before: And that on that said Lords Day a Sermon be preached preparatory to that weighty business.

Resolved, &c.


That such Election shall be made by the Congregation, or the major part of them then assembled, being such as have taken the Nationall Covenant, and are not Persons under age, nor Servants that have no Families.

Resolved, &c.

That these three Votes be forthwith communicated to the Lord Mayor, and immediatly put in due execution.

Ioh. Brown Cler. Parliamentarium.

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Die Jovis 26. Febr. 1645.

*Resolved by the Lords and Commons in
Parliament assembled.*

THat the Tryers of Elections of Elders shall have power to heare and determine all Exceptions brought unto them concerning undue Elections, as well as to receive them; And also to call before them all persons Elected to be Elders, (and accepting such Election) against whom any Exceptions shall be brought in; And to send for such Witnesses as shall be nominated to them, by such persons as shall bring in the said Exceptions; And shall have power to examine upon Oath, both the persons bringing in such Exceptions, and the said Witnesses, concerning any undue proceedings in the manner of the said Election

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lection, and concerning all matters of Ignorance and Scandall, objected against the person elected, and expressed in any Ordinance of Parliament, to bee a sufficient cause of Suspension from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, and of which any Eldership by Ordinance of Parliament, hath cognizance and jurisdiction; And that shall be prooved to have been committed within one whole year before the Exceptions exhibited; And that the person against whom the Exceptions are taken, shall have the like liberty to produce Witnesses to be examined in like manner on his behalf.

Resolved, &c.

THat the Triers shall have power to examine whether the Elders that are to be chosen, be so qualified as is expressed in the Ordinance which hath passed both Houses.

Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

